limited by the foregoing description, but is only limited by the scope of the appended claims.

We claim:

1.   A method for planning tasks comprising the steps of:

breaking a project into tasks;

selecting a tasking horizon;

selecting at least two verbs for at least one of said tasks;

receiving a predicted start date for said at least one task;

receiving an actual start date for said at least one task;

receiving one of said at least two verbs that corresponds to said actual start date;

comparing said predicted start date said actual start date; and

computing churn of said at least one task.

2.   The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

classifying said received verb as employee dependent.

3.   The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

classifying said received verb as task dependent.

4.   The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

classifying said received verb as environment dependent.

5.   The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

computing a risk factor based at least in part on said computed churn.

6.   The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

computing a risk factor based at least in part on said received verb.

7.   The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

comparing said tasks of said project to previously performed tasks;

extracting previously performed task completion data; and

computing an expected task completion time based at least in part on said

5   previously performed task completion data.

8.   The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

comparing said tasks of said project to previously performed tasks;

extracting a risk factor associated with said previously performed tasks; and

10   computing an risk factor based at least in part on said extracted risk factor.

9.   A method for planning tasks comprising the steps of:

breaking a project into multiple tasks, wherein there is at least a first task and a

second task;

15   selecting a tasking horizon;

selecting at least two verbs for said first task;

selecting at least two verbs for said second task;

assigning said first task to a first task assignment station;

assigning said second task to a second task assignment station;

20   receiving a predicted start date and a predicted completion data for said first task

from said first task assignment station;

receiving a predicted start date and a predicted completion data for said second

task from said second task assignment station;

receiving an actual start date and a verb for said first task;

25   receiving an actual start date and a verb for said second task;

computing churn of said first task;

computing churn of said second task;

computing a risk factor for said first task; and

computing a risk factor for said second factor.

5   10.   An apparatus for planning task comprising:

a management module for breaking a project into tasks, selecting a tasking

horizon and for assigning at least two verbs for at least one of said tasks;

a task assignment station for receiving said at least one task and for entering a

predicted start date for said at least one task and for entering an actual start date;

10   wherein said management module and said task assignment station are

operationally connected and wherein said management module receives predicted start

date and said actual start date and computes a churn.